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Director's Meeting

Wednesday, 27 February 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wolf, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, [] 25X1

The Director referred to Gordon Gray's report on the Psychological Strategy Board and asked Mr. Wisner for his comments. The DCI also noted that we may wish to release certain portions of Mr. Gray's report. NOTE: A copy of this report was furnished DD/P on 27 February.

Mr. Dulles:

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Stated that he had visited [] yesterday and wished to go into more detail on this project before making a final report. He noted that we had already saved some money on this project and he believes that more can be saved.

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b. Stated that [] would come to work on Monday, 3 March, and initially he would work for him as a special assistant.

c. Noted that (1) Trubee Davison was very ill; (2) he was seeing a prospective replacement on Wednesday, 5 March.

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d. Raised the question of requesting members of the armed forces by name. The DCI stated this could be handled by (1) first stating qualifications desired; (2) "it was known that Colonel X possessed these qualifications;" (3) however, there might be exceptional circumstances wherein we might desire to request the assignment of an officer by name, but normally the procedure outlined in (1) and (2) above would be followed; (4) requests for all military personnel would be forwarded through our military personnel division.

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Mr. Wisner:

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a. Referred to a recent cable concerning supply flights [] using CAT planes and stated that (1) it appears that some of these flights involve noncompliance with most strict orders issued here; (2) no one person was responsible for these unauthorized flights and that [] who was on the spot is making an investigation; (3) it might be necessary to fire some of the people involved. In connection with the above, the Director noted that investigations of this nature might be made by Mr. Hedden. Mr. Becker stated that a recent roundup of intelligence from all sources on the [] operation tended to substantiate the information contained in the above cable. The Director then referred to a State cable concerning the []



b. Noted yesterday's dispatch from []. NOTE: Cable on this matter was later approved by the Director and copies furnished to DD/P, AD/SO and AD/PC.

c. Referred to the recent cable from [] requesting equipment for [] and noted that State had agreed to carry the ball on this with Defense and that it would not be handled as a covert operation.

d. Stated that a cable had been received from [] requesting that members of [] staff be invited to visit us in June. The Director stated that if this was desirable there was no objection to [] sending "a couple of officers".

Mr. Hedden:

a. Stated that (1) Joe Green had gone over our career program and had made some constructive suggestions; (2) he would discuss this matter further with Green.

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b. Stated that he had attended a portion of a security briefing for new employees and noted that it was not too well done. The Director stated that possibly [] might be good at giving these lectures. Mr. Hedden will make recommendations to DCI on 3-12-52.

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Mr. Becker noted that various people from the PSB staff had been coming to him and other offices of CIA seeking "intelligence support for the Board" and that he had asked these individuals to put the matter of intelligence support before the Board. The Director noted that (1) the staff of PSB did get periodical briefings from OCI; (2) they were entitled to detailed information so long as such information was required to support projects. After some discussion, Mr. Becker undertook to follow through on this matter.



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